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death from that disease, and 38 deaths reported from all causes. There has been no sickness in the shipping of any kind nor have any passengers been rejected on account of their physical condition. Since the suspension of fumigation of outgoing baggage, the inspection on vessels, crews, and passengers is the only regulation enforced.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John.

ST. JOHN; NEW BRUNSWICK, February 1, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended February 1, there were inspected 409 immigrants; passed, 400; detained, 9.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection service at St. John.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, February 3, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended February 1, 1902, the following vessels and their crews have been inspected at this port: Steamers, 1; schooners, 2; seamen, 71.

Respectfully,

T. DYSON WALKER,
United States Medical Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Report from Halifax—Smallpox decreasing.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, February 4, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that since the outbreak of smallpox at this port, September 23, 1901, there have been 26 cases and 2 deaths. During the week ended February 1, there were 2 new cases and no deaths. At present there are under treatment 8 cases.

From September 23, 1901, to the present time there have been 23 cases and 4 deaths from smallpox at the Dominion Quarantine Station. These cases with one exception were all taken from incoming vessels.

The disease was first introduced into Halifax by a vessel coming from Gloucester, Mass. Subsequent cases are all traceable either directly or indirectly to the original case. Radical methods to stamp out the disease were not employed during the occurrence of the early cases. At present all cases are taken to an isolation hospital. Infected houses are disinfected with formaldehyd. Vaccination for all school children was made compulsory February 1. On March 1, should the situation warrant, vaccination will be made compulsory for everybody in the city of

Halifax. The disease is decreasing and present indications warrant the assumption that the spread of the disease has been checked.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., January 20, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 18, 1902.

Nine vessels entered during the week, the following 3 of which were held in quarantine, viz: French steamship *St. Domingue* on the 17th, from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Aquin, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. Passengers for Ponce were allowed to land with disinfection of their baggage consisting of 17 pieces, also 1 sack of mail. The Spanish steamship *Cataluña* on the same day from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra. Seven cabin passengers were allowed to land. Vessel put in quarantine to prevent the landing of transit steerage passengers. Provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana, Nuevitas, Puerto Padre, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris, on the 18th. Baggage from Santo Domingo consisting of 43 pieces, and 1 sack of mail was disinfected. Ten bills of health were issued during the week. The sanitary condition of Ponce remains the same, no quarantinable disease being reported.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, P. R., January 27, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 25, 1902. During the week, 1 vessel was inspected and passed, and 1 held in quarantine for observation, viz, Dutch schooner *Mary*, from Macoris, Dominican Republic. She brought 5 passengers of the worst class and was discharged from quarantine after 5 days' observation, all passengers and crew being well. They are still detained by the immigration authorities. Six bills of health were issued during the week. The health of the city remains about the same, no quarantinable diseases having appeared.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.